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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)**

**Designation for the West Sacramento, CA; and Richmond, VA Areas**

**AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** GIPSA is announcing the designation of California Agri Inspection Co., Ltd. (California Agri); and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Virginia) to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), as amended.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2016.

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**READ APPLICATIONS:** All applications and comments are available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(c)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the July 1, 2015, *Federal Register* (80 FR 37580), GIPSA requested applications for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas presently serviced by California Agri and Virginia. Applications were due by July 31, 2015.

The current official agencies, California Agri and Virginia, were the only applicants for designation to provide official services in these areas. As a result, GIPSA did not ask for additional comments.

GIPSA evaluated the designation criteria in section 79(f) of the USGSA (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) and determined that California Agri and Virginia are qualified to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the *Federal Register* on July 1, 2015. This designation to provide official services in the specified areas of California and Virginia is effective January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2018.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting these agencies at the following telephone numbers:

| <b>Official Agency</b> | <b>Headquarters Location and Telephone</b> | <b>Designation Start</b> | <b>Designation End</b> |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------|
| California Agri        | West Sacramento, CA.....916-374-9700       | 1/1/2016                 | 12/31/2018             |
| Virginia               | Richmond, VA.....804-786-3501              | 1/1/2016                 | 12/31/2018             |

Section 79(f) of the USGSA authorizes the Secretary to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services (7 U.S.C. 79 (f)).

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